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ConAgra recalls pot pies nationwide

The Consumer Health Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is urging consumers to check their freezers for frozen pot pies that are a part of a national recall.

ConAgra Foods has voluntarily recalled all varieties of frozen pot pies, including poultry and beef. These products have been linked to cases of salmonella in all 50 states, including three cases in Wyoming. The contaminated products were traced to a plant in Marshall, MO.

The recall includes all frozen pot pie products under the Banquet brand name. It also includes the store brand not-ready-to-eat pot pie products under the names Albertson's, Hill Country Fare (sold at HEB), Food Lion, Great Value (sold at Wal-Mart), Kirkwood (sold at Aldi), Kroger, Meijer, and Western Family (now discontinued, previously sold at a variety of small retailers).

Although the products have been removed from retail stores in Wyoming, health officials want to ensure that products do not remain in homes or food service operations. It is important for consumers, retailers, food banks, charitable organizations, child care facilities and other food service operations to be aware of the recall.

Most people infected with salmonella develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps within 12 to 72 hours of coming in contact with the bacteria. The illness usually lasts four to seven days. Individuals who feel ill after handling or accidentally consuming any of the recalled products should seek immediate medical attention.

Recalled products should be disposed of or returned to stores immediately. Refunds can also be obtained directly from ConAgra by mailing the UPC code with a name and address to: ConAgra Foods, Department BQPP, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, NE 68103.

More information is available at www.conagrafoods.com. Consumers may also contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7211.

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